GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MEDICAL STORE DEPARTMENT OF DGHS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether purchase of medicines made by the Medical Store Department of DGHS is about Rs. 30-40 crores and the Government are paying salary of Rs. 20-25 crores to its employees;

(b) whether crores of rupees stocks is lying unconsumed and outdated in various states; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to stop the misuse of funds in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) The details of materials purchased and salary paid during the last three years is as given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Material Purchased	Salary Paid
1996-97	150.00	7.50
1997-98	110.00	10.14
1998-99	46.41	11.63

(b) The value of expired medicines over the period from 1965 to 1997 is Rs.4.18 crores (approx) which is 0.524% of the total budget allocation for purchase of medicines during the period.

(c) Regular monitoring and inspection of Medical Stores Depots, Purchase of proprietary drugs only against confirmed demands, and maintaining of buffer stocks of only fast moving generic drugs are some of the measures being taken to ensure no accumulation of stocks.